

# SoftWare Assurance Forum "Common Criteria"

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# **CC** Development Rationale

- Historically CC based on 'source' criteria
  - Focus of 'source' criteria was on OS and interps security
  - Backwards compatibility, protection of investment
- High level aims/objectives statements result
  - CC and CEM that can be considered too general
  - Differing interpretations
  - Insufficient specificity for confidence in recognition
- CC and CEM needs extension
  - To provide better coverage and clearer applicability to all security products
  - Incorporate latest development in the security environment, e.g. SoftWare Assurance Forum

# **CC** Development Process

- Created Working Groups
  - Evidence Based approaches
  - Skills and Interaction
  - Predictive Assurance
  - Meaningful Reports
  - Tools and Techniques
  - Entry Level Assurance

# **Development Approach**

- Develop range of new 'Standard' PPs
- Supporting Documents (SDs)
  - Defined technical areas
    - E.g. Smartcards
  - Containing detailed assurance activities
- Focus development in specific technical areas
  - Engage all stakeholders
- Engage industry
  - PPs and SDs should be created in concert with industry led consortia

#### Characteristics of Technical areas

- Technology used
  - Firewall, database, browser etc.
- Evaluation approach
- Evaluation skills
- Evaluation tools
- Development approach
- Threat level addressed
- Separate grouping of collaborating of vendors, users, evaluators

## **Evidence Based WG**

- Tools and Techniques WG SwA example
  - Propose changes to ADV\_\* and ALC\_TAT
    - Reflect incorporation of software development practices
    - Use of software development tools
  - Results expected to be incorporated in
    - PPs
      - Specification of "refined" assurance requirements
    - SDs
      - Describe secure software assurance development practices and tools
        - Utility & efficacy the when, where and what etc
      - Integration into the Common Criteria

## PPs and SDs

- ALC\_TAT proposals taking into account relevant items from the SwA Forum e.g.
  - Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures (CVE)
  - Common Weakness Enumeration (CWE)
  - Common Attack Patterns Enumerations and Configurations (CAPEC)
- Result will more clearly reflect how to incorporate development practices and the use of software development tools

# CC Version 4 Impact?

- Radical / major changes to the Criteria are neither necessary nor desirable
  - Not necessary the current criteria are flexible
    - As implemented, can be used for supporting documents
  - Not desirable radical changes cause overhead
    - Significant change overhead for technology groups e.g. smart card community
- Some future change for SDs
  - New development practices
  - Wider range of vulnerabilities beyond SwA development

## **CC Plans**

- CC Development Board (CCDB)
  - Mar/Sep 2010
- CC Working Groups, Jun/Sep 2010
- Trials are anticipated
  - Industry partners being sought, by Apr 2010
  - Expected to run thru 2011, report at 12<sup>th</sup> ICCC
- Technical Area rationales to be produced by workgroups/consortia
- CC and CEM updated in annual cycle
  - Without major change
- ▶ 11<sup>th</sup> ICCC Sep 21–23, 2010 Turkey